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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus which manages and organizes the financial ~~data~~expense information, comprising:

a scanner to scan receipts containing expense information, said scanner scanning said receipts to obtain scanned information; and

a computer, ~~connected to~~ in communication with the scanner, said computer executing and loaded with a software which receives said scanned information and which processes, and organizes and saves the scanned information including numerical data in the receipts to obtain said expense information.

2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the scanner is connected to a said computer through a USB port or a pass through parallel port, and wherein with the software program is stored in loaded into the computer.

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein as the receipts are being scanned, ~~all the~~ scanned information from the scanned receipts is

~~automatically entered into~~ received by the computer and processed and organized
by the computer into the expense information.

4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the apparatus
is able to process receipts that include grocery receipts, purchase receipts, credit
card receipts or bank statements.

5. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further including a
display device in communication with said computer, wherein the organized expense
information data can be viewed is displayed on said display device in a tabular form,
~~or a pie-chart form, or as a text file.~~

6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein formats of the
expense information displayed in tabular data-form include income-expense reports,
expenses versus planned budget, cash flow, ~~and or a~~ list of all expenses grouped
under various categories or classifications ~~including groceries, school supplies,~~
~~utilities, car maintenance, entertainment, savings, healthcare, house maintenance.~~

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the apparatus
allows a user to edit ~~editing the~~ expense information processed from the scanned
receipts.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the apparatus is able to automatically save ~~saves~~ the expense information processed from the scanned ~~from the~~ receipts in Quicken Interchange Format, allowing ~~it~~ the expense information to be imported by a financial management program.

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein each scanned receipt ~~will be~~ is organized as ~~turned into an~~ individual transaction.

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 9, wherein ~~the multiple~~ items in the receipt ~~will be~~ are used to create a ~~"split"~~ split transaction with proper customizable categories or classifications.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the software allows for record keeping, budgeting and for balancing ~~the~~ a budget.

12. (Canceled)

13. (New) An apparatus for managing financial information, comprising:
a scanner for scanning receipts, each said receipt containing expense information;

a computer in communication with said scanner, said computer receiving a scan of each said receipt, and processing said scan by collecting the expense information from the scan; and

a display device in communication with said computer, wherein said computer organizes said expense information collected from each said scan, and displays said organized expense information on said display device.

14. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein said scanner is a portable scanner able to automatically feed the receipt through said scanner while the receipt is being scanned.

15. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the apparatus allows a user to edit the expense information collected from the scans of said receipts.

16. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the apparatus is able to save the expense information collected from the scans of said receipts in Quicken Interchange Format, thereby enabling the expense information to be imported by a financial management program.

17. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein each scan of said receipts is organized as an individual transaction.

18. (New) A method of managing expense information collected from receipts, comprising:

- providing a scanner for scanning receipts;
- scanning said receipts using said scanner;
- providing a computer in communication with said scanner;
- receiving, by said computer, a scan of each said receipt scanned by said scanner;
- collecting automatically, by said computer, expense information contained in the scan of each said receipt;
- organizing said expense information, by said computer, into a tabular form, a pie-chart form, or a text file; and
- displaying the expense information organized by said computer on a display device.

19. (New) A method according to claim 18, further including a step of editing said expense information displayed on said display device using said computer.

20. (New) A method according to claim 19, further including a step of
organizing each said scan as a separate transaction to enable editing of the
expense information for each said scan.

21. (New) A method according to claim 18, further including a step of
automatically categorizing each said scan to enable display of a list of all
expenses according to categories.